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SUBJECT: CHIANG CH'ING AS CAMPAIGN ARBITER

1. AUSTRALIAN DCM COTTRILL ON DECEMBER 16 TOLD USLO OFFICERS THAT A CHINESE SPEAKING MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES DELEGATION SAW POSTERS AT PEKING UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY INDICATING CHIANG CH'ING'S ROLE AS AN ARBITER IN THE PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN. THE GROUP, WHICH VISITED THE OBSERVATORY ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF WEEKS AGO, SAW POSTERS DISCUSSING AN APPARENT CONTROVERSY AMONG THE STAFF OVER THE QUESTION OF "RED VERSUS EXPERT". CHIANG CH'ING REPORTEDLY HAD COME TO THE UNIVERSITY AND SIDED WITH THOSE ARGUING TO PUT POLITICS IN COMMAND. THE VIEWS OF THE RED OVER EXPERT FACTION WERE DESCRIBED AS ENTIRELY CORRECT.

2. COTTRILL ASKED THAT THE INFORMATION BE HANDLED CAREFULLY SINCE THE OBSERVATION COULD EASILY BE TRACED TO THE ACADEMY DELEGATION.
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